

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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	:	Chapter 11
In re	:	
	:	Case No. 05-60006 (RDD)
REFCO INC., <u>et al.</u> ,	:	
	:	Jointly Administered
Debtors.	:	
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AXIS REINSURANCE COMPANY,	:	
	:	Adv. Proc. No. 07-01712-rdd
Plaintiff,	:	
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v.	:	
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PHILLIP R. BENNETT, et al.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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**ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, MOTION TO REQUIRE AXIS REINSURANCE
COMPANY TO PAY OFFICER AND DIRECTOR DEFENSE COSTS IN UNDERLYING
LITIGATIONS AND FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY,
TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH DEFENSE
COSTS AND TO PERMIT CERTAIN OFFICERS TO PROSECUTE CLAIMS
AGAINST AXIS REINSURANCE COMPANY**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”), dated July 12, 2007, of Dennis Klejna, Joseph Murphy, William M. Sexton, Gerald Sherer and Philip Silverman (“Movants”) To Require Plaintiff to Pay their Defense Costs In Underlying Litigations And For Relief From The Automatic Stay, To the Extent Applicable, To Permit Plaintiff To Advance And/Or Pay Such Defense Costs And To Permit Defendants To Prosecute Claims Against Insurance Company, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d), Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a), and Bankruptcy Rule 7065; and the Court having reviewed the

Motion and the objections and other pleadings related thereto; and upon the record of the August 30, 2007 hearing thereon (the “Hearing”); and the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (ii) adequate and sufficient notice of the Motion and the Hearing were given to all parties in interest and no other or further notice is necessary or required, and (iii) the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor for the reasons stated by the Court at the Hearing.

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Motion is granted to the extent provided herein and otherwise denied without prejudice.
2. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion or the Axis Policy, as may be the case.
3. Under Bankruptcy Rule 7065, effective ten days after entry of this Order Axis is directed, upon the exhaustion of the Lexington Policy, to advance, subject to a complete reservation of rights, privileges and defenses of the parties under the Axis Policy, the payment of the Defense Costs of Movants in the Underlying Actions that have been billed through the date of this Order, pending a final determination by this Court of Movants’ claim that Axis has no right to withhold Defense Cost advances (a) unilaterally or (b) until there is a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction of Axis’ denial of coverage under the Axis Policy.
4. The automatic stay imposed by 11 U.S.C. § 362(a), to the extent applicable, is hereby

modified (a) to permit the foregoing advancement of Defense Costs and (b) to permit the Movants to bring declaratory judgments or actions seeking monetary or equitable relief against Axis relating to Side A of the Axis Policy and matters related thereto.

5. Axis shall notify counsel to the Plan Administrators of the Modified Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the "Refco Plan") of Refco, Inc. and Certain of Its Direct and Indirect Subsidiaries (the "Plan Administrators") when the advancement of Defense Costs hereunder exceeds \$100,000 in the aggregate, and in increments of \$100,000 thereafter; provided, that if individual statements for Defense Costs exceed \$100,000, Axis need only notify the Plan Administrators of payment of such bills, without breaking such advances into \$100,000 increments.

6. Entry of this Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the Plan Administrators or any party in interest to seek the reimposition of the automatic stay, to the extent it applies, on a prospective basis with respect to any advances of Defense Costs not yet made, for cause shown on appropriate notice to Movants and Axis.

7. Nothing in this Order shall modify this Court's Order confirming the Refco Plan, including paragraph 34(b) thereof, or constitute a determination that the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) applies to the actions described in paragraph 4 hereof.

8. The Movants have stated that they intend to make a dispositive motion for a determination of whether Axis is entitled under the Axis Policy to withhold the advance of Defense Costs unilaterally or before coverage therefor is finally determined, and this Court has informed the parties that, subject to proper notice and briefing, it has reserved time on October 12, 2007 to hold a hearing on such a motion. Axis has informed the Court and the Movants that it intends to seek an expedited appeal of this Order, and the Court therefore has not directed the parties to propose a briefing schedule for such a dispositive motion. Subject to any ruling in

connection with such appeal, this Court will hold a telephonic status conference on September 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. on the scheduling of briefing and a hearing on the dispositive motion.

Counsel for the Movants shall initiate such call.

Dated: August 31, 2007
New York, New York

/s/ Robert D. Drain
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE